

FOUR STORES ON THE WEST SIDE RAINED BY FIRE

Blaze So Stubborn That Three Alarms Had to Be Sent Out.

ODORS WERE STIFLING

Two Painters Stuck to Their Posts While the Flames Rolled Around Them.

Beginning as a stubborn little blaze in the basement of No. 287 Eighth avenue, which is part of an intricate weaving together of ancient buildings into the four-story structure once used as a department store by Ehrlich Brothers, there suddenly developed to-day a dangerous fire that burned half a block and called out a three-alarm relay of apparatus.

The fire spread from 287 to 285 on the south side and then to 289 and 291 on the north, licking up the dry-nail timbers and plaster as if they were so many trains of powder.

The first alarm was sent in at 7:30 o'clock, and half an hour later the police reported that there was an insignificant \$100 fire in Tony Politi's basement at No. 287. The police estimated the destruction in boxes of spaghetti, strings of onions and peppers, garlic, cabbages and other products of the truck farm.

Odors Were Stifling.

The firemen didn't like working in that smoldering basement because of the mixture of pungent odors. The burning peppers and onions overpowered them from time to time. Nor could they understand why the reservoir of water they poured into the subcellar had not drowned out the fire. Nor could they get at the rear of the basement for the steel grills and iron-bound doors with which Pauli had fortified his green goods.

Wise as they were in their craft, they had failed to estimate the possibilities contained in that queer old series of buildings, with its arcade and confusion of hallways, its time-dried-out floors and tinder walls.

The blaze in the vegetable basement was just a mere outcropping of a fire that had worked its way through the walls and under the doors of the entire building with the industry of hungry worms.

The firemen had been condemning with bromstone epithets that pepper and garlic holocaust for a full hour when the quarters of the Independent Broom Company on the first floor were suddenly blurred with flame-lit smoke, and before they could recover from their amazement the plate-glass window fell out with a crash, smitten by a paroxysm of flame.

Spreads from All Sides.

Thereupon the fire seemed to leap and dance from all sides. The beef company's steaks and rounds had scarcely begun to boil when the carpets and rugs in William Binns' upholstery warehouse on the second floor were enveloped in smoking destruction. It was a good deal like the development of a Pauli's exhibition at Coney Island, and Chief Devaney made one hop-skip-and-a-jump to the signal box and jerked in a second alarm.

Depity Chief-floss arrived with the second contingent of engines, trucks and water towers, and one look at the fire and smoke on the west side of Eighth avenue between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets convinced him that his second alarm forces were inadequate.

Chief Croker in his red devil arched on the third alarm.

Reserves Called Out.

The reinforcements went over and under and through those four burning structures as only New York firemen know the way of doing, and the reserves came down from the West Fourteenth street and the new penitentiary stations. Back of the blazing buildings were the frame extensions of fifty-year-old dwellings facing on Forty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets. The heat was blistering the paint on these buildings, and the point of the fire was almost at the door of the houses.

One of the houses, however, as Croker devoted a few hundred gallons of water to wetting them down.

It was an hours work to get control of that fire, and before it was conquered it had wrought damage that \$10,000 will hardly cover.

There were many spectacular features as there always are in the case of a big thoroughfare fire, to the work of the smoke-eaters, but the most entrancing feature of the fire on the west side was the conduct of two sign painters who were decorating the front of No. 287 with patent medicine literature.

Painters Stuck to Jobs.

The two painters had begun work at 7 o'clock, and when the first alarm brought four engines and trucks to work a few doors below them, they had taken one look and gone right on with their art. As the fire developed and the smoke rolled up, they had not moved. The block they were painting had not altered.

Wrapped in shifting clouds of smoke they dabbed away as if they were no more concerned in mundane things than the lone fisherman in "Evangelist" who was concerned in the action of the story. They were painting when the fire started, and they were painting three hours later when the fire had been subdued, and they are still painting at this writing and probably at this reading.

Lodge Rooms Damaged.

The entire building at No. 287 was destroyed and the other three buildings were damaged. At No. 285 the first alarm was called by the Victoria Hotel restaurant; the second and third floor were lodge rooms, known as Bureka Hall, and the fourth floor was a billiard hall. The fourth floor was completely destroyed, and when the blaze was smothered the firemen threw the walls into the street. The Eighth Avenue Bazaar, a crockery firm, occupied the ground floor of No. 289. Water and fire demolished a greater part of the stock and also wiped out the paper machine establishment on the second floor.

The building at No. 291 was occupied by the Eighth Avenue Mission on the lower floors, and B. Constant, an haberdashery on the top floor. This building suffered least.

THE AUTO RACE. Words and music of Manuel Klein's automobile song from the Hippodrome will be given with next Sunday's World.

BROKERS CAUGHT IN COTTON SLUMP FAIL FOR MILLION

T. A. McIntyre & Co. Forced to Announce Suspension After Heavy Losses.

HAD MANY BRANCHES.

Cash and Stock Withdrawals on Spread of Ugly Rumors Hasten Disaster.

The failure of the firm of T. A. McIntyre & Co., of No. 71 Broadway, was bulletined simultaneously to-day on the floors of the New York Stock Exchange, the New York Produce Exchange, the New York Cotton Exchange and the New York Coffee Exchange. In all of which the suspended concern held memberships.

The first news was followed by the announcement that Arthur R. Peck, of Syracuse, had been named as assignee of the firm's business. The office manager said he believed the liabilities would be less than \$100,000. He could not undertake to estimate the assets.

Wall street wisecracks traced the failure to the recent slump in cotton. The McIntyre Company, rated as one of the largest brokerage commission houses in America, was reported several days ago to have suffered heavily in the bear movement.

Market Little Affected.

Except for a rush of orders to cover the suspension was without effect on the stock market. In the cotton market favorable reports from Liverpool and news of rains in Texas were offset by the McIntyre troubles. Traders on the Cotton Exchange were very nervous and business was inactive.

In addition to its local membership, the firm was a member of the Chicago Board of Trade, the Liverpool Cotton Association and the New Orleans Cotton Exchange. It had branches at Chicago, Baltimore, New Orleans, Boston, Hartford, Binghamton, Jersey City, Syracuse, Rochester, Albany and Hot Springs, Va. The members of the firm, in addition to offices at No. 71 Broadway, have offices at Fifth avenue and Third street and at Fifth avenue and Forty-fourth street.

Rumors Caused Run.

The assignment was precipitated by the spread of sinister rumors causing a run on the firm in which the demands of immediate withdrawals of cash balances and stocks were too heavy for the firm to meet at once. After an all night consultation, the members of the firm decided to assign for the benefit of their creditors.

Walter H. Miller, representing the suspended concern, gave out the first definite statement on behalf of McIntyre and Company. What he said follows: "I have not had time to learn the extent of the failure, but I can say that it should have no effect on any of the contracts for the concern had very few outstanding contracts at the close of business yesterday, and its bank loans were liquidated before then."

"The firm owes little in the street or to any of the banks. Its creditors are chiefly scattered out-of-town correspondents and private individuals. Its open trade in cotton have been very small for the past three months. The standing accounts in that market at the close of business yesterday were only 5,000 bales, and these were amply protected by the usual margins."

Price Not a Creditor.

Thomas O. McIntyre, a prominent figure in Wall street for two decades, was the founder and head of the concern. His partners were John G. McIntyre, Thomas O. McIntyre, Jr., James O. Hulsitzer, Edward T. White, James M. Hudson and George C. Ryan.

A member of the firm denied that Theodore H. Price, the recently deposed "Cotton King" was a creditor of McIntyre & Co. to the extent of \$200,000. He said the company owed Price nothing. It was stated that the passage of bills by the Legislatures of Southern States prohibiting option trading had caused a slump in the McIntyre accounts in futures from 90,000 bales a month to 50,000 bales a month.

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CIGAR STORE ROBBERS SENT AWAY FOR 7 YEARS.

Judge Crain Compliments Clerk Who Fought Them in Manhattan Hotel Building.

After Griffin, of No. 24 East Forty-second street, and William James, alias Ed Haywood, of No. 24 East Forty-second street, both convicted to-day pleaded guilty before Judge Crain in Part I. of General Sessions to attempted robbery.

These are the ones who entered the United Clear Company's store in the Manhattan Hotel building, at Forty-second street and Madison avenue, on the night of April 3 and tried to loot the place. They were caught by the manager, Joseph J. Cassidy, whom they brutally beat with blackjacks, but who managed to get them off until help came. The pair were caught before they could escape.

For his courage and fidelity Cassidy was given a bonus of \$100 by his employers. In passing sentence Judge Crain highly praised the cigar clerk's gallantry in fighting the robbers, and a particularly unusual one, he sent the men to Sing Sing for not less than seven years.

Cassidy's wife, who was in court with her two small children, screamed and fainted when she heard the sentence.

LIEUT. AYRES, IN WEST POINT MIX, LEAVES THE ARMY

Young Officer's Father and Mother Figured in Celebrated "Overcoat Affair."

WASHINGTON, April 24.—President Roosevelt has accepted the voluntary resignation of Second Lieut. H. Fairfax Ayres, of the Second Cavalry, to take effect May 14. Lieut. Ayres is the son of Col. Ayres, retired, and was mixed up in the "overcoat affair" at West Point last year.

BUTCHER'S CLEAVER FELL UPON WELDER

Flew Out of His Hand and Struck Him, Probably Fracturing the Skull.

Raphael Gabriel, fifty-two years old, who keeps a butcher shop at No. 831 First avenue, was wielding a big cleaver to dismember a beef this morning. His hand was slippery and while making a particularly heavy stroke the cleaver flew out of his hand. Coming down the blunt edge of it struck the left side of his head and he dropped unconscious to the floor.

His wife saw him fall and her screams brought Policeman Russo, of the East Fifth-street station. He called Dr. Hastings, of the Flower Hospital, and Gabriel was taken there, still unconscious. Dr. Hastings said that the skull probably was fractured and the injury might result fatally.

AQUARIUM SEA-COW. ILL A WEEK, IS DEAD.

Had Broken the Record of His Kind for Life in Captivity.

The manatee, or sea-cow, one of the rarest specimens in the Aquarium, died last night after making a world's record for longevity of sea-cows in captivity. He had lived at the Aquarium nineteen months, seventeen days and some hours, having been placed in his tank on Sept. 5, 1906. The best previous record was made by a manatee which lived in an English aquarium for eleven months.

During the time the manatee has occupied the big tank on the ground floor of the Battery Park institution, every precaution has been taken to protect the health of the prized animal, which lives only in the warm waters of Florida and Cuba and is very susceptible to cold. In winter blankets were rigged about the tank to keep away draughts of cold air, and much of the food which is wholly vegetable, was brought from Florida. A week ago the manatee fell ill of an intestinal complaint.

The sea-cow, like the buffalo, is rapidly becoming extinct, and the Florida Legislature has passed stringent laws for its protection. For many years it has been illegal to kill or capture the animal in the waters of that State except by special permit, which was granted only to scientific institutions, and last year the game laws of the State were amended to forbid even the permit, so that it is doubtful if another specimen can be secured for the Aquarium.

Prisoner Freed by Death.

Adolph Herman, sixty-three years old, of No. 249 West One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, who shot himself in Central Park on April 20, died today in Presbyterian Hospital. When the police found Herman, after the shooting, he was taken to the hospital a prisoner, charged with attempting suicide.

WORK OF WIDENING FIFTH AVENUE TO GO ON AT ONCE.

Board of Estimate Authorizes Borough President Ahearn to Begin Improvement.

The Board of Estimate to-day authorized Borough President Ahearn to proceed with the widening of Fifth avenue between Twenty-fifth and Forty-seventh streets, the roadway to be fifty-five feet wide and sidewalks twenty-two feet wide.

DROWNED LANDING FISH.

THREE RIVERS, Mich., April 24.—George Hammond, nineteen years old, son of a wealthy Chicago family, who had been working on a farm eight miles east of here for his health, was drowned from a boat on the St. Joe River last night while landing a fish he had caught.

CROKER'S CONTRIBUTION.

The Secretary of the Firemen's Memorial Fund received a check for \$50 to-day from Richard Croker. The check was sent in care of Edward Canill, who arrived here on Wednesday.

VIOLETS

are the flowers of purity and refinement. A natural sweetness, with just a faint suggestion of the violet, is imparted to the breath by the use of Dr. Lyon's PERFECT Tooth Powder which cleanses, preserves and beautifies the teeth, removes discoloration and prevents the formation of tartar.

ST. REGIS GUEST, RICH CHICAGOAN, TRIES TO END LIFE

Harry J. Foster Takes Chloroform in Fashionable Hotel Apartment.

Harry J. Foster, son of a wealthy Chicagoan, attempted suicide to-day in his room, on the fifth floor of the St. Regis Hotel, by swallowing the contents of a two-ounce bottle of chloroform. He is in Flower Hospital in a dangerous condition. He left a letter addressed to his mother, Mrs. A. Foster, of No. 361 Park avenue, Chicago, in which he told of his trouble and the cause of his attempt at suicide. The coroner refused to divulge the contents of the letter after taking possession of it.

Foster, who appeared to have plenty of money, a good dresser and apparently in the best of health and spirits, registered in the hotel a week ago. When he did not arise at his usual hour to-day a maid notified the clerk that she could get no response in answer to her summons. The house detective and a porter went to room No. 506 and forced the door.

They found the young man breathing heavily, lying on the floor in night attire. His lips were red and his eyes were closed. Dr. J. L. Hill, the house physician, who said that the young man, though in a bad state, was in no immediate danger of death, and worked over him until an ambulance arrived from Flower Hospital.

At the hospital Foster regained consciousness and was questioned by the physicians in the hope of finding out what led him to swallow the chloroform.

"Have you had any financial troubles?" he was asked.

A shake of the head declared that he had not.

"Was a woman the cause of this?" Again the negative shake.

"When did you take the chloroform?" "About 8 o'clock this morning. That is all I will say. There's no use in asking me anything more. I won't tell."

It had been Foster's habit ever since he became a guest of the hotel to leave early in the morning and go downtown. He received no mail and had no callers.

Foster's mother has been wired for. When the young man's room was searched only 25 cents were found.

MISSIES' and GIRLS' APPAREL

At Very Attractive Prices

Misses' Tailor-made Suits, of plain serges, worsted stripe effects and gray mixtures, plaid or gored skirt, coat taffeta or satin lined, 14 and 16 yrs. Values \$25.00 to \$35.00

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Children's Coats, of shepherd checks, also white serge with black stripes, trimmed with braid & silk, 2 to 6 yrs. Values \$4.95, 5.95

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Emperor Insured for \$1,750,000.

LONDON, April 24.—A committee of Vienna citizens, which is arranging for the jubilee pageant in honor of Emperor Francis Joseph, has just insured the Emperor's life with a British company for \$1,750,000 until next June. In order to cover the expenses of the preparations for the celebrations if he dies before they occur.

BILL TO RAISE MAINE.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—A bill for raising the Maine and the burial of the bodies there entombed was introduced yesterday by Representative Sulzer, of New York.

Stern Brothers

Men's Shirts and Pajamas

Exceptional Values, To-morrow

Plain and Plaited Soft Bosom Shirts, \$1.00 & 1.45

of woven and printed madras, in white and colored effects, cuffs attached and detached, coat models.

Pajamas, at \$1.45 & 1.95

of woven and printed fabrics in a varied assortment of designs and colors, military collars and surplice necks, finished with silk frogs.

Women's Imported Underwear

At Greatly Reduced Prices

Swiss Ribbed Cotton Vests, light weight and fine quality, at 29c

Swiss Ribbed Gauze Cotton or Lisle Vests, fancy crocheted trimmed, at 45c

Swiss Ribbed Extra Fine Mercerized Lisle or Cotton Vests, hand crocheted trimmed, at 57c

Swiss Ribbed Gauze Silk Vests, handsomely trimmed with hand crocheted work, at 98c

Swiss Ribbed Perfect Fitting Combination Suits, of fine gauze cotton, either tight fitting or umbrella lace trimmed legs, 95c

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WASHABLE SUITS IN NORFOLK, SAILOR & RUSSIAN MODELS.

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Special Offerings

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9 to 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

With the great success of last Saturday's sale, to-morrow morning another great offering. Come early; sale positively over at 10 sharp.

Women's, Misses' and Children's Hats

Owing to the backward season manufacturer needed money; his entire stock less than the price for his labor. Milan Chip, Fancy Braids, Japs and Horse Hair, all Colors. Value up to \$2.00. One Hour 25c

American Beauty Roses (large) with imported foliage and buds; all colors. Value 98c..... 39c

Children's Long Flower Wreaths—Value up to 98c..... 25c

Veiling—Plain or Chenille dot; black, brown, navy, white with black dots. Value 35c; yard..... 10c

Smart and Dist